

auxiliary fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

71. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said auxiliary fixing means is provided with straps through which a rope can be threaded; and

c. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means.

72. (New) A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary fixing means comprising holes bored into the fixing portion or straps attached to the fixing portion through which a rope or cord is threaded; and

c. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said auxiliary fixing means, wherein the second substrate to which said material is fixed by said fixing portion is selected from the group consisting of columns, stakes, logs, buildings, footings, and sheets.

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73. A composite material comprising:

a. a material comprising a welding fabric welded to a first substrate, wherein said welding fabric comprises a welding portion and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portion includes a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means;

b. wherein said fixing portion contains auxiliary fixing means is provided with straps through which a rope or cord is threaded;

c. a second substrate to which said material is fixed by said fixing portion, wherein said second substrate is selected from the group consisting of columns, stakes, logs, building, footings, and sheets.

Please amend claim 53 as follows:

53. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 70 wherein the second substrate is selected from the group consisting of columns, stakes, logs, buildings, footings, and sheets.

Please amend claim 54 as follows:

54. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 70 wherein the first substrate is a cloth or synthetic resin sheet.

Please amend claim 55 as follows:

55. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 70 wherein the welding portion extends across the entire width of the welding fabric.

Please amend claim 56 as follows:

56. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 70 wherein the welding portion extends across part of the width of the welding fabric.

Please amend claim 57 as follows:

57. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 70 wherein the welding portion comprises a warp coated with a thermoplastic material.

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~~Please amend claim 58 as follows:~~

58. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 70 wherein the welding portion is at each end of said welding fabric.

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~~Please amend claim 59 as follows:~~

59. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 70 wherein the welding portion is in the middle portion of said fabric.

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Please amend claim 61 as follows:

61. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 71 wherein said second substrate is selected from the group consisting of columns, stakes, logs, building, footings, and sheets.

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~~Please amend claim 62 as follows:~~

62. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 71 wherein said first substrate is a cloth or synthetic resin sheet.

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~~Please amend claim 63 as follows:~~

63. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 71 wherein the welding portion extends across the entire width of the first welding fabric.

~~Please amend claim 64 as follows:~~

64. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 71 wherein the welding portion extends across part of the width of the first welding fabric.

~~Please amend claim 65 as follows:~~

65. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 71 wherein the welding portion comprises a warp coated with a thermoplastic material.

~~Please amend claim 66 as follows:~~

66. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 71 wherein the first welding portion is at each end of the welding fabric.

~~Please amend claim 67 as follows:~~

67. (Amended) The composite material according to claim 71 wherein the welding portion is in the middle portion of the first welding fabric.